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CHRISTMAS HELP.

TWO charitable women, acting for one of the local churches and looking to see what good they could do, and how best to serve some of the needy at Christmas time, have personally visited a number of places where a little assistance would be a welcome Christmas gift.

This is something, good friends, for those of us to think about who have our warm beds and comfortable homes. We do not come in contact with those who are in need, but this writer has heard enough within the past few days in connection with Christmas offerings, to be convinced that there is need of help at home.

Pretty hard lines, isn't it, that thing of having no Christmas in sight? But harder yet when children are cold and hungry and actually in need of clothing and the bread box is empty.

WITH THE TEA AND THE TOAST

GOOD EVENING. Let every attainment in what is good be firmly grasped.—Confucius.

ON THE CHOICE OF A GIFT FOR A MAN.

Men are most difficult critters to please. They haven't a wish great or small— They plague their relations By lengthy orations Upon their indifference To all decorations. Cigars or cravats? Cushion, pictures, or hats? Nope. They never would use 'em at all!

Algebra's easy compared to the art— Or science—of shopping for men! It's discrimination.

Plus elimination; The critters refuse a'en A mere indication Of what they would take. Do you wonder we quake? It's a case of just try, try again!

ONE fact remains and is surer than fate: The smallest of small youngsters knows it—

The civilization Of every nation Is gauged by its citizens' Manipulation Of one little thing I'd advise you to bring: Each man's got a nose—and— blows it! —Selected.

Do something for somebody and do it now.

It is easier for some Coos Bay men to raise the price of a drink and raise a disturbance than it is to raise the fine which Recorder Butler afterward assesses.

Some Coos Bay people who have been swearing at the weather and the fuel man find that while it sounds queer it is true that one can get hot in a cold room.

QUESTION FOR THE DAY:

What has become of the old-fashioned man who used to break his arm when he cranked his automobile?

Don't expect gifts all the time, but occasionally give one.

Some Coos Bay men throw rocks at opportunity for waking them too early and then wonder why old Op never calls around again.

Your idea of progress may not be the same as your neighbor's; but for the love of goodness don't stand in his way if he is trying to get somewhere!

FREE WEATHER.

The cost of living is so great we all lament together; we therefore should appreciate the fact that there's free weather. This is a blessing sweet and rare and all our bards should rhyme it; the poorest man may have his share, free gratis, of the climate. He banks in weather rich and ripe; what luxury is sweeter? No trust can pump it through a pipe, or run it through a meter. And yet, alas, this precious boon we do not rightly cherish; in March, December, August, June, we're using words nightmarish, abusing everything that's sent, the rain, the drouth, the blizzard; we voice all kinds of discontent, from A clear through to Izzard. We ought to cry (ungrateful set!) when down our whiskers trickle the large and briny drops of sweat: "It doesn't cost a nickel!" We ought to cry when comes the sleet, when raging floods are frothing, when we have frozen ears and feet: "We're getting this for nothing!" So let us strive to mend our ways and show we're long on merit; and if they ship us beastly days, why, we'll just grin and bear it.—Walt Mason.

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